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Contributors will please add to the address or Mieir envelopes: "Loyal Home Workers" or "C.C.," to facilitate the handling of mail. References required of new members desiring

correspondence New members and those old members of the C. C. who have not had their pictures published in the Picture Gallery are requested to forward the some to the Editor. It is necessary that cabine sized photographs be sent, in order to insure good likenesses. Photograph and sketch must accom-

and address on the back. The N. T. C. C. Guards is a band of the C. C. organized in Boston Aug. 13, 1890, for mutual benefit and the more practical enforcement of the principles of justiotism and progress to which the C. C. stand pledged.

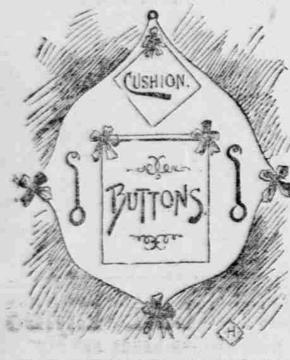
HAPPY HOUSEHOLD.

Suggestions That Are Well Worth Following Out.

CHICKEN HASH ON TOAST. This is an excellent way to use up bits of cold poultry. Trim the meat from the bones, remove the skin, chop fine and place into a pan; moisten with water and season with pepper and salt. When thoroughly heated spread on buttered toast.

If you choose you may make the dish more inviting by first spreading on rice toast, prepared as follows: Boil the rice the night before using, pour into a dish and place in a cool place with a weight on it. The next morning cut into slices a halfinch thick, brush a little butter over each slice, brown in a toaster, pour a little melted butter over each piece, and then spread with chicken. WITHOUT A RING.

It is not necessary to form a ring in playing this mind-reading game. Let two persons place themselves behind the blindfolded person. The one on the right should place the palm of his left hand on the back of the blindfolded party at the waist line; the one on the left his right hand. The fingers should meet. They must remain perfectly passive, as any effort to push the subject in the direction of the key confuses him, and is, besides, a trick. No matter where the key may be, whether in the room he is in, or another, the party will be sure to find it, nine times out of ten.-THE EDITOR. HANDY WALL-BRACKET.



This handy wall-bracket can be covered with any material desired. To make it, first cut a paper pattern, then cut from this a pasteboard form like the above. Cover the form with plush or any other material desired, turn the edges neatly toward the back, basting them in place, then line, felling the lining on the plush. The edges can be finished in any way preferred. The little cushion at the top can be made in any shape; also, the pocket for buttons in the center. The pocket should be left a little slack in front, so one can put a hand in if desired. Then at each side of pocket a button with a hank or a ring can be sewed to form a bar to hang button-books on. The whole can be finished with bows of ribbon to match the plush. At the top make an eyelet-hole to hang up by.

A NICE PEN-WIPER.

Cut four round pieces of black broadcloth, the second smaller than the first, third smaller than second, and the fourth still smaller than the third. Pink with scissors around the edge, and work on the fourth and smallest some little sprig in outhe, or heads, or paint some pretty design on it, Now find the center of each, putting the needle directly through the center; draw all together and sew on a bow of bright ribbon.

SIMPLE NEEDLE-BOOK. Take a piece of stiff pasteboard, cut it the desired size, and double it together, so as to resemble a book. Take a piece of velvet and paste on it, turning the edges in, then paste a lining on this, Pink some pieces of flannel for the leaves the ship : of the outside, so as to sew through all at once with a piece of fancy colored silk thread. Fasten

PLEASANT PARLOR GAME. FEIRNDS OF THE C. C.-There is a great demand. here for games to pass away these long winter evemings, so perimps some of you will find this a new

Blindfold one of the company and then place a key any where at a distance. Let several form a circle around the waist of the one blindfolded, beis complete, each one wills the one in the center to go to the key and pick it up. I have never known the experiment to fall al-

EDITOR'S CHAT.

Line Upon Line and Precept Upon Precept Practically Applied.

"Line upon line and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." So sang the Hebrew sage among the mountains of Palestine many generations ago. Another illustration that the human mind is the same in all ages, and that as it is molded in youth, so will its future be. A child must creep before it can walk, is said of

its infant body. The infant mind must have its creeping days as well, when truths and maxims must be administered in homeopathic doses. The child is not taught to read a whole page at

conce, but begins with "A stands for apple," which he is expected to fully master before his mind is taxed with "B stands for box." He puts his hand too near the fire and learns by

experience that the act will bring his body pain. In the same way, slowly and by degrees, he learns that wrong-doing will bring mental pain.

So, day by day, he progresses, until, grown older in age and experience, he is prepared to grapple with the deeper problems of life and enter the school of schools-the world.

The Christian missionaries afford the most notable examples of the "line-upon-line" method of instruction. In many places they found the natives so wholly barbarous that they were obliged first to impress upon them the lowest form of commandment, "Thou shalt not eat thy brother," before they could render intelligible that higher injunction, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

Many, indeed, were the lines upon lines written on the hearts of the people before their instructor felt that he might pass safely among them without fear of being drawn and quartered for their noon

But we need not go to heathen countries for an application of this injunction. There are morals at home that need patching and precepts that can be applied to fill up the rents.

We are all subjected to the line-upon-line process of education every day, and it is thus that we broaden and grow and enter wide fields of useful-

We cannot all be great, but every one may make his life a beautiful mosnic, whose seedings, wrongut line upon line by Christian precepts, simil be genarous deeds and kindly thoughts; a piece of workmanship polished and julaid, and wor my to adorn

the temple of our God. Literally, it should be: "Line man then and precept upon precept; here a limb

M pur lives are well set and ---

THE STORY OF A SLAVE, Soldiers' Home.

BY LENORE SHERWOOD MARBLE.

It is the general idea that a man unable to read or write must necessarily be uneducated and ignorant, and in many cases this is true. But there are exceptions to this, and one of the most intelligent, highest minds I ever knew was an old slave to whom the world of letters was a sealed book. pany each other, and each picture must have name | He must have been over fifty when he first came to our house with his cart and white-wash brushes



CHAPLAIN WILLIAM MILES.

and impressed us with his natural intelligence and quaint philosophy. He even afterwards came to live in our family, and as we came in closer contact with him, the beauties of his mind and fine nature expanded and grew.

His father and mother were slaves, and he used to tell about their life and how their little family was separated and each sold to a different master, The anguish of the poor mother and the heartbroken father and grief-stricken children was depicted with an eloquence and vividness that would have made him famous before any bar in

He described his Southern home with such carefully-selected words, that it all was pictured before you and you were impressed with his wonderful descriptive powers. Then his love of nature, music, poetry and art was strong, his powers of eloquence and oratory great, and his ideal and religious nature far above the average divine that preaches the gospel to us.

And yet he was called ignorant and uneducated by those who only knew him as an old slave who did little jobs about the house and barn and talked and sang a great deal.

If education is measured by the number of books we have read, then he surely was woefully ignorant. But if an educated man is one who has a well-stored mind and who retains what he hears and absorbs and observes, than our dear old William was educated. His manners were polite and courteous, his thoughts lofty and elevated, his convictions strong, his insight clear, and his judg-

He was fond of lectures and sermons, and could report about word for word what he heard, and turned it over and over in his mind until it was thoroughly assimilated. If he went to a concert he could retain the music and hum any tune he heard. He was fond of art, and visited art stores and came home with all excitement over the lovely pictures that we must buy for our home. His analysis of men and women was keen and scathing, and he seldom made a mistake.

Soon after William came to us we children began to teach him to read and to write his name. How proud he was when he could write "William Miles" without a copy and in imitation of the childish, cramped hand that set him the copy. with bits of ribbon.-Jane C. Harvey, Little Valley, After that he had many important business matters that demanded his signature, which he wrote with swelling pride and gratitude.

In a short time he could read chapters in the Bible partly by picking out the letters, but mostly in imitation with the aid of his wonderful memory. William had been a soldier, and belonged to a Grand Army Post, and was loved and petted by Thoughts from Many Members on Many ing careful that the hands join. When the circle his courades. One day he came home in the greatest excitement. He had been elected Chaplain of the Post, and his heart was bursting though some time is occasionally required. Yours | with pride and gratitude. In a short time, by havfriendship-IDA C. GLEASON, West Groton, ing us read the Ritual a few times, he was master of it, and could repeat the entire contents of the book, even to the special services of Memorial

> Those who attended the Memorial services of Ford Post, Toledo, O., in 1889, will never forget it. One scene is so deeply impressed that as I write the picture stands out in bold relief.

The comrades, in full uniform, stand around the flower-bedecked graves of their dead, the solemn dirge from the band has ceased, and all eyes are turned toward the tail form of the Chaplain, who stands a little apart from the rest, with his black face aglow with religious fervor and his eyes shining with a spiritual light. His rich, full, plaintive voice rises and falls with eloquent expression as he repents without aid of book the long, beautiful prayer of Memorial Day,

You will all wonder what has become of William, and if he lives, or has gone to join the majority of his comrades

If you will visit the Soldiers' Homeat Sandusky, O., and inquire for Chaplain William Miles, he will greet you with a hearty handshake, and will say: Bless that child; did she write about me?"



HENRY J. Ross.

the feet, seven inches; occupation, farmer. He is Sister Hover's plan real good; who has a better? Years old; fond of reading; loves the C. C. He Ethel E. Hayes, why do you not answer my last

C. C. COLUMBIAN COURSE. What Four Hundred Years of Human Prog-

ress Have Brought Forth. The special feature of the "Loyal Home Workers" Department for the year 1893 will be the Columbian Exposition, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. A regular course of study and readings will be given in advance, suitable for home readings or C. C. Circles.

The course of study will bear upon the history of civilization as represented in the inventions, discoveries, arts, sciences, literature, architecture and mechanical appliances of four centuries of progress, extending from western Europe to the New World. A series of general articles by the Editor will precede and accompany the contributed articles. PRIZES FOR PAPERS.

For the first, second and third best articles covering the following topics, prizes will be awarded, all articles to be mailed to Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Canton, O. The best will appear in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. The prizes will be books, unless the writer expresses a preference for something else, when articles of like value will be substituted. SECOND COLUMBIAN PAPER.

will be Columbus's Second Voyage, bearing upon the following: 1. What was the motive of the second voyage?
2. Did Columbus ever know that he had dis covered a new world? 3. What great changes were going on in Spain at the time of the Columbus voyages?
4. What was the effect on Europe of the dis-

coveries of Columbus? FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

When Columbus discovered America Great Britain was a rude and undeveloped country. That was 60 years before Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne of England. Hollinshead, in his English annals, says: "There were very few chimneys, even in the capital town (London), the fire was laid on the wall and the smoke went out of the roof, door and window. The house was wattled and plastered with clay, and all the furniture and utensils were of wood. The people slept on straw pallets, with a log of wood for a pillow." These were the days suggested in the old nursery rhyme:

"When I was a bachelor I liv'd by myself, And all the bread and cheese I got I put upon the

But the rats and the mice they made so much

I was obliged to go to London to get myself a But when I got there the streets were so narrow I had to take my wife away in a wheelbarrow;

The wheelbarrow broke and my wife got a fall, Down came the wheelbarrow, my wife and all." This catastrophe to a fair bride, bedraggled in London mud, is in keeping with the time when there was no light in London streets, except pine torches, when the people lived on the coarsest food and vegetables were not grown, except of the

coarsest kind. It is well to remember how rude and factious our English ancestors were, as this will account for the fact that Great Britain was a century and more behind Portugal, Spain and France in navigation and colonization in the new world beyond the seas. When Columbus discovered America England was engaged in the exterminating War of the

Roses, and not until the ascendancy of the House of Lancaster under Henry VII. in 1499, had she any time or strength for maritime expedition or dis-Those were the days when the comforts and

luxuries of a higher civilization were considered effeminate and debasing. In London, the man who brought over an umbrella from France was hooted and stoned by an angry mob. In those days actors and people of rank, who

alone wore good clothes, were carried on the shoulders of men through the dirly streets. In those days the heavy leather boots worn by knights and cavaliers had become such weapons of warfare that it required an act of the English Parliament, in 1463, to forbid the iron spikes in the soles exceeding two inches in length. In those days men thought it a disgrace to ride

in carriages. When the Electors of Germany did

not want to be present at a meeting of the States,

they sent word to the Emperor that their health would not permit them to ride on horseback, and it was not becoming in them to ride like women. As late as the 16th century lords, magnates, ministers and other dignitaries were not permitted to ride, except on horses or mules. The Queens were all , skilled in horsemanship, and the effigy of Queen Anne in London Towe, shows her clad in garments that looked like woven wire.



MAY A. BOWERS.

May A. Bowers, of Walla Walla, Wash., was born n Baltimore, Md., in 1874. She is the daughter of a veteran of Co. H, 9th Pa. Cav., and is Chaplain of the Ladies of the G.A.R. in her town, as well as a member of the U. B. Church. She is five feet seven inches tall, has hazel eyes and auburn hair, and weighs 175 pounds.

CONVERSATION CLUB.

Topics.

Rules of the Club.-1. Write briefly. Write only on one side of the paper. 3. Write to the point. 4. Write on one subject. 5. Write your best. 6. Each week the names of those writing the best letters-Hyle, composition, spelling, penmanship and general merit considered-will be named at the head of this column on the Honor Roll, First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point, No others will be named,

OUR ROLL CALL.

[The letters v.s. mean veteran's son, v.d. veteran's daughter and v.w. veteran's widow; members of associations will be marked S.V. and D.V.1 Anna N. Latshaw, Laurelton, Pa.; Carrie Keirn, grand-daughter v., D. Austin Keirn, g.s.v., Sylvis, Pa.; Howard E. Lowman, v.s., Sylvis, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Surreno Putnam and children, Bertha and Ray, Postville, Iowa; Mettalein White, v.d., Columbus, O.: Emma H. Gleason, v.d., West Groton, Mass.; Gertrade Gultteau, Athens. O.; O. H. Hoy, v.s., Mt. Vision, N. Y.; M. N. Robinson, S. V., Dyberry, Pa.; A. Charles Armstrong, P. M., Amboy, N. Y.; Edward D. Farrel, Troop B, 4th U. S. Cav., Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.; Warren Hallett, S.V., Fort McKinney, Wyo.; Fred M. Lyon, v.s., Platea, Pa.; Bertha Bussinger, Partridge, Kan.; Anna M. Adams, Big Plain, O. Total, 13,848. PASSING IN REVIEW

Anne Mayo, Clear Lake, Iowa, formerly of Salmon Falls, N. H., says that her request in a November NATIONAL TRIBUNE was signed by mistake "Avine Mayd." She extends thanks to all who responded to her request. Archy Barnes, Lovelton, Pa., one of our old brain-rackers, asks the puzzling question: Which is the stronger element, fire or water? He desires the answer to settle an argument, so, perhaps, some one will write to him.

The article on "Catholicism" cannot be given a place in our columns, as religion and politics are mehewed by the C. C. Another C. C. wedding is that of Mary J. Matthews, a soldier's widow and prominent C. C., of Huntington, W. Va., and Thomas D. Beauler, Sergeant, Co. H. 110th Pa., of Tyrone, Pa. They will be glad to hear from C. C. friends at their present home, Tyrone, Pa. May happiness and success

crown their Union.
James W. Rodenbaugh, Gladstone, N. J., who has interested himself in the cause of "Cripple Harry." offers as a prize a handsome album to the one sending the largest amount to Meda Plympton, West Decatur, Pa.
Lillie Beverlin, St. Joe, Ill., pays the C. C. a pretty
compliment when she says, "I think our Order is next to the Christian work."

IS THERE A BETTER? C. C. FRIENDS: In regard to our prizes, I think either books or medals-of course I would not suggest gold or even silver ones; but it would be very nice to have a nest medal, suitably engraved, for a prize.

Our professor of music gives a concert every six months, and to the one that plays the best he gives a gold medal; to the next best four, a silver one each. Of course all the pupils try for the gold one. I hardly think Brother Staring's plan would suc-Henry J. Ross, a member of George A. Custer Camp, 9, California, is the son of Marcellus Ross, of us poor writers would never be heard from of us poor writers would never be heard from we would be completely out of sight. I think the to exchange postal autograph with all letter? Loyally-Edith M. Haines, East St. Louis,

THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

(Dedicated to my friends of the Conversation Club.) It was early morning, when the ship moved from the harbor, bound for her distination. The shores faded and faded as she progressed. Soon a silver lining appeared on the clouds floating lazily along the horizon, and the sun came up, flooding the world with light; the fast-receding shore sparkled in the distance, and tife inerry, happy wavelets danced and glistened in the Humination.

Light, glorious light, Mas everywhere. It cast its beam upon the deck and made all beautiful upon which it fell, transforming that which was first ugly and repulsive into fascination and beauty. The regular throbbing of the ship's engine pushed her steadily onward. Noodday fell fast upon the morning and the sun became obscured with clouds that grew thicker and blacker as they rolled and tumbled upon each other.

Rain commenced to fall, and a wind sprang up

which soon increased to a ferrifle gale, and lashing the sea in its fury piled the waves mountains high and left deep valleys between. The rain descended faster and the wind blew stronger, and the storm burst in all its fury upon that vessel, which plunged deep down into the trough of the sea, until it seemed swallowed up in the darkness and the waves; but it rese again, and quivering upon the crest of the next wave stood for an instant and then plunged forward, the water pouring over its deck and breaking the safety ropes. The engine throb-bed faster and faster, and the ship was crushed on The subject of the Columbian papers for Jan. 11 every side; its beams creaked as if they would break asunder.

The rain beat upon her decks in torrents, while

the foam and spray dashed against her with demomonlacal fury. She seemed but a toy, a plaything for the great, overruling storm. Nobly she rode the waves, though every timber quivered under the strain, and battled bravely for her safety. "Ah, thou furious Storm King, this day wilt thou make the hearts of the bravest shake with fear and demand the lives of many to appeare thy wrath, compelling them to beg for mercy. Sweep on, thou Storm King, sweep on. Lash these seas with thy potent power, if thou wilt; but do thou battle with me face to face and I defy thee, and this day, thou mighty Ruler of the Seas, shalt thou be conquered. Tear this ship beam from beam, plank from plank, and stop the pumping of this engine; confine this hulk to a deep, watery grave, if thou wilt, yet I defy thee, for when these seas shall be no more, when thou shalt have spent thy fury for the last time, I will gather the remnants of the wreck together again, and in the strength of my new appearance laugh at thy useless sway." The clouds rolled on, the rain stopped, the sun

peeped out, and the wind died away. The sea became calm and with it came night, and such a night! The engine resumed once more its regular working, and the ship was repaired. Not a ripple disturbed the quietude of the sea; only the ominous swell of the ocean, which made it appear a living, breathing thing. A new light appeared in the east and lighted the

Mills, has taken a partner for life; and Lou M. Staring, who sends this news, is pushing on the far-distant storm-clouds with its whiteness, and as they hurried away, as if not wanting to be diswork of Progress and Patriotism as usual. The Misses Spangle, of Norristown, he reports among covered, they assumed shapes and tableaux strange Now, one of them, hurrying, assumed the shape

of a giant, driving the rest away, and as it fell and the light arose it showed the picture of a battlefield, after the battle, with the dead and wounded lying in strange and confused heaps. The light advanced and a narrow pathway lay upon the surface of the ocean, which broadened as the moon came up, and soon a thousand million moons were seen in the water. The wake of the ship was for a long distance marked with phosporescence, and as the prow cut through the sea the water that fell from its course was marked with a pale blue. With the ship repaired, and the moon to light the night, she progressed. In the morning she came in sight of her port, and as she reached it the rising sun flooded that city and showed its white walls, its beautiful temples and its golden streets. Glad songs of welcome came from the inhabitants as they welcomed the new afrival. And so it is with life; we are born in innocency

and beauty; soon we are launched upon the sea of life, and as we are almost swallowed up in the waves of adversity and enmity, the heart beats faster, the whole frame shakes, and as we come through our black sea of trouble we gain our re-ward, then comes the night of life, death, and as we reach the portals of heaven, rest, peace, for-

It seems to me the best song, the song most fitting, is "Home, sweet Home," with all its beauty, all its grandeur. O, my C. C. call not the fortunes and misfertunes of this life fate. Live to the honor of your God and your country; there is no fate, for man in his hour has ruled fate and made the impossible a thing accomplished. Yours, Pro Patria-Frank M. Kemp, 181 So. Laurel street, Hazleton, Pa.

THE DISPUTED POEM. DEAR TRIBUNE: In an Encampment number of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE you give Col. Joyce's account of the origin of a poem and quote the first two lines, as follows:

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you;

Through the narrow aisles of pain.

They want full measure of all your pleasure,

There are none to decline your nectared wine,

THE MEXICAN WAR.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: I do not agree with

Emma Martin regarding the Mexican war. We

were not fighting for the territory spoken of. Texas had gained her independence and asked to

become a member of this great Union of ours, and

we accepted her as such. So we were bound to

defend her when she was assailed by the Mexicans.

When the United States accepted Texas, it was

to the Rio Grande. The Mexicans kept making a

disturbance up to the Nucces, to which, they

claimed, their territory extended; and when the

United States Regulars were sent there to settle

our soldiers firing first.

States, and was accepted.

Little Falls, Minn

would get for it to eat.

but out of the sea-O, never!

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the trouble, the Mexicans fired on them, instead of

California, also, gained her independence through

Fremont, and asked to become a member of the

For the other territory ceded by Mexico to the

United States \$15,000,000, and debis due the citizens

of the United States by Mexico, were the purchase

A STAR-FISH SURPRISE.

DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: A short time ago I received

letter from one of my correspondents, who re-

sides in California, saying that I was soon to be

the recipient of a star-fish, and, girl-fashion, my

curiosity was aroused to know what a star-fish

could be like. I thought, of course, it would be

alive, and kept puzzling my brain with what I

this inscription upon it: "Received at Jersey City P. O., in bad condition," which meant nearly all

the wrapper torn off and part of the box gone.

Upon examining the contents I found three curi-

ous-looking articles, which, I soon learned, were

star-fish. They look very much to me as if they

were gotten off the trees or dug from the ground,

Girls, if any of you have a correspondent in California, I would advise you to get him to send you a star-fish, as it is a great curiosity. I am very

proud of mine. Thanks, Charles, a hundred times

over,-J. May Huff, Quartermaster New Jersey Division, N. T. C. C. Guards, 221 Van Horn street,

IF NOT, WHY NOT?

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: Each week when THE

NATIONAL TRIBUNE is received I turn first of all to

the C. C. columns, for though all departments of the paper are excellented like the C. C. best of all.

I am so glad that we are to have more space in

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE - I think that we cannot

Some think that books should be given as prizes

for best letters, best essays on given subjects, best

recipes, etc. I think this plan is an excellent one,

as, by choosing a variety of topics for letters and

I should like to make a suggestion, after all. As

we have more space, why, not have the Curious

Corner and Brain Rackers, as of old? And then prizes could be given for best puzzles, best ques-

tions for Curious Corner, etc. What say the C. C. puzzlers? Pro Patria—Effic M. Harshbarger, Vin-

THE IDEAL MUSBAND.

of Marion T. Hutson, whose portrait and sketch appeared in The NATIONAL TRIBUNE of Nov. 16.

Recently she came across this description of an

sible man in the C. C. she would like to hear from

getic, affectionate, thoughtful, forgiving, Christian

man, who chooses a wife for her mind and heart

rather than face, and waits until he has found the

right one; who neither scolds nor laughs at his

for making an honest, comfortable living; who is

wealthy, keeps his life insured; who understands

that women have nerves, need money, enjoy pretty things, and are happier for being petted."

'ideal husband," and if there is any such impos-

"A temperate, moral, intellectual, truthful, ener-

Julia P. Inge, Kenton, O., would like the address

wish to indorse some of Those already made,

essays, all would have a change in the contest.

land, Kansas,

Well, at last the postman handed me a box with

Fraternally and loyally-W. G. Watson,

Rejoice, and men will seek you :

Grieve, and they turn and go;

But they do not need your woe.

Be sad, and you lose them all;

Be glad, and your friends are many;

But alone you must drink life's gall.

Weep, and you weep alone." f we will all work,"-Lou M. Staring. Will you be kind enough to publish the entire Adjutant T. Harry Stiles, of the New Jersey Dipoem, and oblige a constant reader of THE NArision, who, with Commander Hargrove, attended TIONAL TRIBUNE? Yours, truly-Rev. T. Henderson, Brookville, Pa. In response to this request, the poem in ques-

the Thanksgiving Reunion of the Pennsylvania Juards, at the home of Commander Loui M. Stockon, Philadelphia, reports a delightful gathering. tion, claimed by Col. Joyce and Elia Wheeler Will-He says the accounts of Sisters Hays and McClellan of the great Washington Reunion pillow fight was cox, herewith follows: particularly good. The delightful hospitality of Commander and Mrs. Stockton, as dispensed in the dining-room, is particularly mentioned. SOLITUDE.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Commander Emma Martin, of Horton, Iowa, is Weep, and you weep alone; continuing the work of raising funds for the im-For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth, provement of Andersonville Prison property, and But has trouble enough of its own. appointed Bessie L. Bradley, of Audubon, Iowa, to receive contributions. Sing, and the hills will answer: Sigh, it is lost on the air;

The second annual Reunion of the Division of Iowa, N. T. C. C. Guards, will be held at Keokuk The echoes bound to a joyful sound, when the G.A.R. Encampment meets. Commander But shrink from voicing care. Emma Martin announced the following admirable Committee of Arrangements, and a grand time Feast, and your halls are crowded; may be expected : Mollie Robertson, Chairman; Nettie Wood, Daisy Deighton. The Chairmen of Fast, and the world goes by; all committees will be expected to present written Succeed and give, and it helps you live,

reports.-Gil M. Edmondson. But no man can help you die. NATIONAL HEADQ'RS N. T. C. C. GUARDS. There is room in the hails of pleasure St. Louis, December, 1892. For a large and lordly train; But one by one we must all file on

Consecutive Series, No. 19. I. National Investigator Jno. N. Pierce is located at Richmond, Ind., to whom all Division Investigators or Chairmen of Division Investigating Committees will report their names and addresses. The Commander-in-Chief recommends that Division Commanders appoint an Investigator instead of a committee of three. Investigators should carefully examine all applications, and after appropriating the same forward to the Division Adjutant, sending the dues and fees to the Quartermaster, with a list of the members to whom the amount should be credited.
II. The National Progress Committee is hereby

H. E. BERNAUER.

N. T. C. C. GUARDS.

and Patriotism.

Commander McMurray reports a delightful Re-

anion of the Ohio Guards at the home of Cresses,

elerk; Adjutant Slater is a merchant; Newton C.

Myers is teaching; Fin L. Morrow is attending

college at Tusculum; Ellen McGrew, of Long's

In reporting the Thanksgiving Eve meeting of

ton, Philadelphia, and the pleasant entertainment

and supper served by the hospitable Commander

and his wife, Rae G. Hays says: "The next day being Thanksgiving several of the Guards visited

our home, where the greatest part of the time was

spent inspecting postal autographs, C. C. photo-

and pleasant meetings are those of the Guards

more fully understand our principles of Progress

Commander Loui M. Stockton, 1601 Christian

them at once. Pennsy vania has the sufficient num-

ber of C. C.'s enrolled, if the Guards will stir up

their interest. Guards in arrears are arged to for-

ward dues for 1892 to P. La Munyan, Quartermas-

ter, 2628 Braddock street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those

wishing a badge or souvenir of the late Reunion,

or information how to join the Guards, will address

Nina A, Beadle reports a visit from Division Commander Nellie M, Hinds and Mary E, Hinds, at

her home, Stanton Junction, near Ionia, the home

of the former. It snowed and rained the day they

spent together, but the glowing embers of friend-

ship were fanned to glowing coals. Nina tells the

conculsion of the story when she says: "We had

just a splendid visit, and my heart, which had com-

menced to cool towards the grand, good cause, be-

came warm, and I made up my mind to stay by

the old flag to the end. And now, dear C. C.

and C. C. G.'s, who of you are going to keep me

true by exchanging postal autographs with your

Brothers and sisters of Tennessee, you have

already seen the prizes offered for Guard work; let

us try and win one of the banner-prizes; we can do it

Commander Stockton as above.

graphs and Guard souvenirs. What memorable

the most loyal of the Tennessee Guards.

and Patriotism.

mander McMurray's management.

announced; H. Earl Cowdin, Chairman, Rockford, Mich.; Eva Pryor, of Rhode Island, and George F. Shimunok, of Wisconsin. H. Earl Cowdin is hereby relieved as Assistant Adjutant-General. III. Lulu M. Wiselogel, Chipley, Fla., is hereby appointed National Aid for Florida, Alabama and Georgia, vice Lydia E. Day, resigned, which resignation has been accepted with regret. Ail Guards and those desiring to join the Order

in Florida, Alabama and Georgia should address Lulu Wiselogel. IV. In consequence of the prizes offered by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for the Guarde it will be necessary for Division Commanders to possess themselves of full and accurate information regarding their Division; to make accurate reports to these Headquarters and to weed out their Divisions. The final report of the Adjutant-General will not include any dropped members, and all members on whom tax is not paid at the close of the second quarter 1893 (June 30), will be dropped. Ample time is therefore given to straighten out Divisions and the Adjutant-General is always ready to assist to this end. It is also very important that Division Commanders should keep records of the number of applications presented and accepted into membership by each member in order to report to these Headquarters at the proper time, the members introducing into the Order the greatest number of applicants in their respective Divisions.

V. The Commander-in-Chief urges the organization of local Circles as a means of adding interest

and creating a closer union and warmer friendship among the members; in addition thereto counseling together and extending the good work we have planned. VI. A number of Commanders are neglecting their duties. No reports, no reply to letters from Headquarters. You are doing the loyal members

of your Division who elected you as their chief representative a great injustice; you are trying the patience of and causing great labor to your superior officers. Wake up, and to your duty like loyal sons and daughters.

VII. The bugle has sounded, and in response Guards are rising in every quarter to the call. They are searching and have found new material for our ranks. Keep up the good work, and leave

no stone unturned to do your share of the work.

By order of KATE B. SHERWOOD, Commanderin-Chief. Attest: Amos L. SEAMAN, Adjutant-General. SOME THOUGHTS ON PRIZES.

FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: In THE NATIONAL TRIB-UNE of Nov. 24 I noted that prizes were being offered to stenographers, typewriters, and Divisions be too grateful for the kingliness thus shown, or for | securing the largest number of members at our the generous offer of prigos. Our Editor has asked next National Reunion. Why not equally recogfor suggestions regarding the prize contests. I do nize farmers, mechanics, telegraphers, lawyers, not wish to make any new suggestions, but I do and woman suffragists? If we are to have a World's Columbian Exposition by ourselves in Indianapolis, let us have it in true-blue Yankee fashion, and not draw the line at sex, occupation, color, or previous servitude.

> loyalty and enthusiasm? If not, the prize offered to the Division having the largest membership is inequitable in that some Divisions have many advantages over others in the matter of securing new members. Awarding prizes may prove salutary in some instances, when distributed with good judgment and considerate fairness. There are exceptions to every rule. There is no mestion in the mind of any rational Guard as to

pediency than competency. If the new-prize idea will prove better than the long established and commendable old regime, all well. I am not prize-thirsty, and will not hinder others from procuring the juvenile stimulus honorably, despite the dampening of ardor in others of

different mental caliber.

I hope that none of us are calamity-howling pessimists, but I do trust that the intelligent Guards believe in unalloyed patriotism and loyalty to their piedges and their Order, without necessarily being wife, and never contradicts her in public; who loves home and children, and has certain means economical, but not stingy, and who, usless ungracious themes. Why not let the Club be the court and Jury of each case, and our reward be the Yours, Pro Patria, -Julius W. Gogarn.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

A Study of the International Sunday-School Lesson Appointed for Dec. 25, 1892.

Subject: The Birth of the Infant Jesus Announced to the Shepherds by Gabriel. One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above. l

1. Data.

mas carol would be robbed of its inspiration if another race of creatures bound on other jour-St. Luke had failed to tell the story of the | neys." shepherds. He wrote in the year 57, and probably at Rome.

H. E. Bernauer is a son of a veteran, and resides at Marshfield, Pa. He is a member of the Free Baptist Church; is very fond of music and good literature. He would like to correspond with all date of Christ's birth on Dec. 25, B. C. 6. The What a Noble Band is Doing for Progress curred in August. Pope Julius I is credited | Word! with the act of authoritatively designating the 25th of December as the day on which to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It is a beautiful Steubenville, O. The Ohio Division is growing fact and one of sufficient force to warrant the rapidly, and the best of feeling prevails under Comappointment of December the 25th, to wit, the fact that on said day the sun begins to return Will J. Loveland, Commander, Vermont Division, asks all C. C.'s of his State who do not fully undernorth, Winter begins to end, the days commence to lengthen, Spring is looked for as not stand the objects of the Guards, and who desire to become members, to address him at his home, Rufar off. All these are beautifully emblematic pert. He does not say "inclose a stamp," but this of the coming of the Sun of Righteousnessis always the thing to do when you write a letter of the Day-spring from on high-our Savior, Jesus

inquiry. Guards in arrears will forward 40 cents to DeForest Y. Doty, Quartermaster, Tinmouth, Vt. Christ The Tennessee Guards are wide awake and The shepherds received the visit of the angels active, and it is interesting to note what some of the same day them are doing. Homer C. Miller, Quartermaster, Christ. V. 11. on the same day which witnessed the birth of is operating heavy machinery; J. O. King is a

St. Luke, writing A. D. 57, wrote of what happened 63 years before he penned the account. It is possible some record was made at the very utilized all data he could secure. It is plain, however, that he must have had some degree of supernatural guidance as a protection against recording an erroneous history of such importthe Penusylvania Division N. T. C. C. Guards, at the home of Division Commander Levi M. Stock-

3. Place. Christ was born in Bethlehem. V. 4. It was called the "City of David," from the fact he too was born there. It was styled Bethlehem-Ephratah, to distinguish it from a Bethlehem in the tribe of Zebulon. Christ's birthplace was about six miles south of Jerusawhich create sociability and good will among lem.
all! They are the means of leading us to

The shepherds were out in the field not far from the city when the angels appeared and told them of Christ's birth. In Farrar's Life street, Philadelphia, announces that he wants 500 of Christ we read: recruits for his Division of the Guards, and wants "One mile from One mile from Bethlehem is a little plain, in which, under a grove of olives, stands the bare and neglected chapel known by the name of 'The Angel to the Shepherds.' It is built over the traditional site of the fields where, in the beautiful

language of St. Luke-more exquisite than any idyl to Christian ears-'there were shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night, when, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,' and to their happy ears were uttered the good tidings of great joy, that unto them was born that day in the City of David a Savior, which was Christ the Lord."

Kitto says: "In the plain to the eastward, a little less than a mile from the Convent (of the Nativity), is what is asserted to be the field where the shepherds received the glad tidings of the Savior's birth."

4. Definitions. 1. Watch. V. 8. The original (Greek) is plural, watches. Nights were divided into four watches of three hours each. Keeping watch the Shepherds took turns, each set being on duty one-fourth of the night. There was special occasion to keep on guard of nights. Then is the time when wolves and dogs and thieves prowl about.

2. Came upon them. V. 9. Hovered over them, balancing wings in the sky over the plains where lay the sheep. We cannot suppose them far up. They were within speaking distance. It is possible the particular Angel (probably Gabriel) was nearer to the Shepherds than were the hosts of Angels referred to in V. 13. It is possible the Angels alighted quite like Gabriel descended. 3. Glory of the Lord. V. S. By glory is meant dazzling light, splendor, brilliancy. (St. Lu., 9:31; Acts, 22:11; 1 Cor., 15:41.) "Of

the Lord" is added to indicate superlativeness. Trees of God mean huge trees. Hills of God mean very large mountain-like hills. 4. Sore. V. 9. The word is Anglo-Saxon and means pain. The Shepherds were so deeply, violently, grievously afraid as actually to suffer painfulness. Conscience-smiting is often a real agony. (Ex., 19:16; Heb., 12:21; St. Luke, 5:8.) Prof. G. B. D. Pepper says: "Men feel a

solemn awe and dread of superior powers, which a sense of sin hightens." 5. Atraid. V. 9. Fear is severe and distressing. Hence sore afraid. We notice the general effect of divine or angelic appearances causes apprehension to mortals. This pain probably rises mostly from our sinfulness. And vet we can conceive even absolutely innocent beings alarmed by a very unusual noise or

sight. 6. Good tidings. V. 10. The coming of Christ to live and die in the work of rescuing all men through his sacrifices and love jointly with their belief and repentance. Often we style this the | in Missouri on his farm. It has never appeared Gospel. The word salvation covers the ideas. We see a fitness in uniting the two conceptions

-good news, great joy. 7. Sign. V. 12. A proof. 8. Wrapped in swaddling clothes. V. 12. Bandaged about tight with bands of cloth. There is no intimation necessarily of any inferiority, poverty, nor want of preparation on the part of the mother of Christ's humanity. Even Solomon said, "I was nursed in swaddling clothes." Solomon was the son of a wealthy King, and as an infant received royal atten-

9. Manger, V. 12. The original (Greek) means a crib. It probably refers primarily at least to a trough, with divisions in which cattle are fed. Curiously enough we call the little rocking beds of our modern babes, cribs. 10. Behold! V. 10. Notice, 1. Wonderful news. 2. Wonderful such news come to us. 3. Behold it; give it heed. 4. Behold it; it is plain. You can see it. It is a fact.

11. Host. V. 13. The original means an army. That was a curious army. It came declaring peace. Notice in contrast "peace" in V. 14. Christ is the Prince of Peace. (Is., 9:6,) 12. Glory to God. V. 14. May God be glori-13. In the highest. V. 13. Views. 1. In

the highest heavens; not on earth only. 2. In the highest society; by the most exalted intelligences. 3. In the highest praises; with grandest ascriptions of honor. 4. To Him who is the highest; to the highest; to Him who is over, above all; the Most High. 14. Verse 14 reads: "Glory to God in the

highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." Have we three members in this seutence, or two? There has been much discussion on this point. Some render, "on earth peace to men of good-will." In this view the sentence (V. 14) has only two members. We choose three members, and thus have:

1. Glory to God in the highest. 2. Peace on earth.

3. Good-will toward men. The Revised Version has "on earth peace mong men in whom God is well pleased." The Vulgate, Rheims, and Wickliffe make two members. There is, after all, trifling authority for this, and our Received Version, which practi-Do the Guards think that the want of large mem- cally gives three members, is, we think, far bership in the smaller Divisions is due to want of more correct and forcible. He is our Lord, our Ruler, our King.

When the Prince of Wales was born there was rejoicing all over our world. When there was a royal birth some years ago at Madrid. not only was there rejoicing in the palace, and out at the Escurial, and all over Spain, but | ber. Order at once, and secure a copy. also in every part of the civilized world. No he competency of our good and tried Editors. The | wonder there was great excitement, wonderful question of distributing prizes is one more of ex- | demonstrations of joy, and even supernatural manifestations when Jesus was born. Then the Angel gave the Shepherds exact directions as to how and where to find the Infant.

5. The Song.

As soon as the news was imparted to the shepherds all the angels burst forth into a song of rejoicing and thanksgiving. They know what salvation means. They comprehend more stimulated to diligence by pecuniary and tangible fully than did the shepherds the force of the means, scanned by thinking men and women as glad tidings. Song is the fit expression of the joyous. No fact is so inspiring as that of redemption, and we do not wonder the news of salvation came to earth in music.

Christmas Festival. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, once said. My greatest happiness at Christmas comes from the fact that I am able to give happiness to others, and I thank God that he has placed this in my power." Contrast these manly statements with the grasping greed which pursues every penny for itself and its capacity for helping the chaser only. Wealth is a splendid

than money as manhood is much better than Charles Dickens said: "I am sure I have always thought of Christmas-time when it has come round, apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belong-The only Scriptural account of the angels | ing to it can be apart from that-as a good and shepherds on the first Christmas night is time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the furnished by St. Luke. We see our great in- only time I know of in the long calendar of the debtedness to the Gospel of the Beloved Physi- | year when men and women seem by one concian. This would have been almost a different | sent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to religious world without the beautiful story think of people below them as if they really which we now study. Many a delightful Christ- | were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not

6. Conclusion.

thing in its possibilities, its power, its leverage

for good, but there are qualities as much better

We close with a few commendations of the

The Editor of the Religious Department, at this close of another year, extends to all the For all practical purposes we may put the readers of the Sunday Meditations the compilments of the season. Merry Christmas to all matter has been subjected to much study, and our Sunday-schools! Happy New Year to all no month of the 12 of the year has lacked claim- Bible students! May we be the better the ants that Christ was born therein. Able critics next twelve-month for our more extended have united in the opinion the great event oc- knowledge during the last year of God's Holy

7. Finally.

"God bless you heartly, kind friends,

I wish you joy and gladness! This is the senson of the year When all should banish sadness,

Or if some graver memories come Across our bosoms fleeting,

I pray you try to recollect These words of Heavenly greeting: 'Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, Saith your God, "

They Were Too Smart.

I was ingressed in my magazine as the train sped ou, and did not notice that a bride and groom had entered the car at a small station, but my attention was attracted to the couple in rather an odd way-by telegraphic signs. Two young men who sat opposite to each

wer across the aisle were making remarks time of the event and preserved. St. Lake | about them by ticking with their pocket-knives on the metal arm of the seat, says a writer in Harper's Bazar, "Sweet as a peach, isn't she?" ticked off the young man whose seat was immediately behind

the new arrivals. "Yes," replied the other. "Bridal couple, evidently." "See how close he sits to his tootsy-wootsy."

"I see. They are holding each other's hand, aren't they?" "No, but they are exchanging love glances." "How on earth do you suppose a chump like that managed to catch such an angel?" "Give it up. She surely couldn't see any-

thing in him to admire." "Her lips were just made for kisses." "That's what they were."

band, you know."

" Well?" "When the train gets to the next tunnel I'm going to reach over and kiss her." 'You wouldn't dare.' "Yes, I would. She'd think it was her hus-

Their telegraphic conversation ceased here,

for the bridegroom had taken out his pocket-

knife and commenced to tick off this message on the arm of his seat: When the train gets to the next tunnel the champ proposes to reach over and hammer your two heads together till your teeth drop out. See?"

Soon after that two passengers might have been seen sneaking off to the smoking-car; and they remained in the smoker not only while the train went through the tunnel, but until they reached their destination.

The Manuscript's Only Fault. [The Gripsack.] An aspiring author once presented to M. Monvel, the famous comic actor, a manuscript tied with red tape, and begged him to give an impartial opinion of the production. The comedian promised to do so, and the young man-the comedian thought him very young-

waited for six months and more before he inquired as to his friend's verdict. At length he put the solemn question: Was the piece adapted for the stage?"

The comedian promised to let him know in a day or two. Three more weeks went by. Then again the author importuned the actor and begged him not to defer his hopes any longer.

"Well, then," said the actor, "the fact is, your play is decidedly clever, I may say particuarly clever, but it is not quite the thing for the stage. The scenes, the acting, the development of the plot, the tag-in fact, it requires adapting to the stage before it could be possibly produced. I must decline it-unwillingly, or

course, but still "-The young author interrupted him. "Will you be kind enough to point out the fault?" The actor was confused; he toyed with the nanuscript, still criticising its defects.

The author seized it from him, untied the tape, unrolled the paper, and with a laugh showed him that the whole was blank. The comedian had never untied the packet.

It was Unexpected. [Hartford Courant.] Col. Fred Grant told us this story in Vienna as one of his father's favorites. The circumstances occurred when Gen. Grant was living in print. One day a country lad, a neighbor, who was not only clever, but made up for his

slowness by his respectable qualities, came to pay a not infrequent visit. "How's your father, Johnny?" said the General. "Pretty well," replied Johnny, with his

drawl-" for him."

for her."

"And your mother?" " Pretty well-for her." "And your brothers and sisters?" "Pretty well-for them." "Well, Johnny, and how's your grand-

mother?" Silence for the space of a moment, then-She's dead." "O," said the General, "very sorry, very orry-rather unexpected, wasn't it?" "Well," admitted Johnny, "well, rather-

Blasted Hopes.

Texas Siftings. A Harlem landlord who was in a tight place, financially, sent his son, a rather fresh young man, to the tenant to collect the rent. On the young man's returning in a hilarious mood, the lather exclaimed

"Thank heaven, you are back! and with the money, I hone, "He couldn't pay all of it right then so I concluded to take half of it." "That's all right. Give it to me."

" He didn't have it."

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